

NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Join EPA in preventing lung cancer deaths.

Radon is a natural radioactive gas that you can't see, smell, or taste. It's easy to ignore, but it could be present in your home, school, or office. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the U.S., claiming about 20,000 lives annually, or slightly more than two every hour. The only way to know if you have a radon problem is to test.

This January during National Radon Action Month, radon partners in communities across the country will lead activities to increase awareness of radon, promote testing and mitigation, and advance the use of radon-resistant new construction practices. Through these outreach efforts, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and others can prevent thousands of lung cancer deaths.

How can I get involved?

Radon partners can join EPA in an effort to use National Radon Action Month to reduce the risk of lung cancer deaths due to radon. National Radon Action Week (the third week in October) is an ideal time to begin planning or conducting radon activities or events. Such efforts can be leveraged and showcased in January. Another benefit of conducting radon outreach during cooler weather months is that radon testing is generally most effective when homes tend to be closed up for warmth.

- ▶ Conduct events and activities. (See ideas on the right!)
- ▶ Recognize successful efforts and share best practices.
- ▶ Promote radon outreach and education through your Web site, newsletters, and listservs.
- ▶ Order free Radon Public Service Announcements and campaign materials from www.epapsa.com and ask your local media outlets to donate free air time.
- ▶ Generate media coverage of radon topics, events, and activities.

- ▶ Set goals and collect results from your events and activities.
- ▶ Share your project ideas, efforts, and results at www.epa.gov/radon/rnactionmonth.html.

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Activities

Below are just a few ideas for conducting activities in your community.

Pursue radon proclamations from elected officials. Your elected officials can help spread the word about the health risks of radon. Start by asking mayors, governors, and others to proclaim January as Radon Action Month and encourage citizens to test their homes. You can publicize the proclamation by planning a community event and inviting local media outlets.

Expand radon recognition efforts. This is an ideal opportunity to recognize individuals, groups, and organizations for their successful radon efforts and results with a plaque, certificate, ribbon, or donated prizes.

Host a community health fair. Coordinate with local health care providers and other health-focused groups to have booths, educational sessions, and presentations on radon testing and mitigation.

Work with local schools.

Contact schools' science and health teachers and have a guest speaker present to classes on radon. Provide the classes with radon educational materials and radon test kit coupons.

Have fun! You know your community better than anyone. Do something that grabs people's attention and makes them want to learn more. Be creative, and find an exciting way to help your community to understand a serious topic and to save lives!

More activity ideas and event planning tools will be available at www.epa.gov/radon/rnactionmonth.html by this fall.

Who should conduct National Radon Action Month Activities?

- ▶ State radon programs;
- ▶ Tribal Nations and Pueblos;
- ▶ Government agencies and non-profit organizations working on public health, safety, environmental, or housing programs;
- ▶ Radon testers, mitigators, and laboratories;
- ▶ Radon test kit providers, manufacturers and retailers;
- ▶ Housing professionals, including real estate agents, home inspectors, builders, and contractors;
- ▶ Doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals;
- ▶ Human resources, environmental, and safety officers at work sites;
- ▶ Advocacy organizations concerned about cancer; and

- ▶ Schools, homeowner's associations, and other community-based groups.

Use our Web site to plan and publicize your efforts and results.

EPA has developed tools to help you plan successful outreach activities, available at www.epa.gov/radon/rnactionmonth.html. This fall the Web site will provide:

- ▶ A downloadable National Radon Action Month Event Planning Kit;
- ▶ A national map for entering and viewing brief descriptions of events;
- ▶ Sample proclamations by government officials and other templates; and
- ▶ Radon materials and other resources to help you plan events.

Contact your state radon program for help!

State Radon Offices

	<i>Local-Toll</i>	<i>Toll-Free</i>		<i>Local-Toll</i>	<i>Toll-Free</i>
Alabama	334-206-5391	800-582-1866	Nebraska	402-471-0594	800-334-9491
Alaska	907-474-7201	800-478-8324	Nevada	775-687-5394 x275	
Arizona	602-255-4845 x244		New Hampshire	603-271-4764	800-852-3345 x4674
Arkansas	501-661-2301	800-462-0599	New Jersey	609-984-5425	800-648-0394
California	916-449-5674	800-745-7326	New Mexico	505-827-1093	
Colorado	303-692-3420	800-846-3986	New York	518-402-7556	800-458-1158 x27556
Connecticut	860-509-7367		North Carolina	919-571-4141	
Delaware	302-744-4546	800-464-4357	North Dakota	701-328-5188	800-252-6325
District of Columbia	202-535-2999		Ohio	614-644-2727	800-523-4439
Florida	850-245-4288	800-543-8279	Oklahoma	405-702-5165	
Georgia	404-651-5120	800-745-0037	Oregon	503-731-4014 x664	
Hawaii	808-586-4700		Pennsylvania	717-783-3594	800-23RADON
Idaho	208-332-7319	800-445-8647	Puerto Rico	787-274-7815	
Illinois	217-782-1325	800-325-1245	Rhode Island	401-222-2438	
Indiana	317-233-7147	800-272-9723	South Carolina	803-898-3893	800-768-0362
Iowa	515-281-4928	800-383-5992	South Dakota	605-773-3151	800-438-3367
Kansas	785-296-1560	800-693-5343	Tennessee	615-687-7000	800-232-1139
Kentucky	502-564-4856		Texas	512-834-4509 x2444	800-293-0753
Louisiana	225-342-8303	800-256-2494	Utah	801-536-4250	800-458-0145
Maine	207-287-5676	800-232-0842	Vermont	802-865-7742	800-439-8550
Maryland	215-814-2086		Virginia	804-786-5932	800-468-0138
Massachusetts	413-586-7525	800-RADON95	Washington	360-236-3253	
Michigan	517-335-8037	800-723-6642	West Virginia	304-558-6772	800-922-1255
Minnesota	651-215-0909	800-798-9050	Wisconsin	608-267-4795	888-569-7236
Mississippi	601-987-6893	800-626-7739	Wyoming	307-777-6015	800-458-5847
Missouri	573-751-6160				
Montana	406-841-5204	800-546-0483	Guam	671-475-1611	

Tribal Radon Program Offices

Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe	775-423-0590
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona	602-258-4822
Navajo Nation	928-871-7863
Washoe Tribe of Nevada/California	775-265-8695
Yerington Paiute Tribe	775-463-7866

EPA Headquarters

Indoor Environments Division	202-343-9370
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EPA provides funding for some of the radon partners' activities. Further information about their radon activities is available at www.epa.gov/radon/rnlinks.html.

Visit www.epa.gov/radon/rnactionmonth.html for the most complete and recent information on National Radon Action Month.